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## BRIDGEPORT DEGREE TEAM TO PRACTICE RITUAL IN NORWICH

Nearly 100 Local Men Will Take Part in Exercises of Class Initiation.

Nearly 100 members of Loyal Abraham Lincoln Lodge, 7674 Manchester Unit Odd Fellows will go from this city on the afternoon of December 18, to Norwich, Conn., where one of the biggest joint class initiations ever held by Odd Fellows will be staged in the State Armory of that city.

Much interest throughout the state attached to this event which will be exemplified in the most dramatic form and keen local pride is aroused because local Provincial Master A. W. Rose assisted by the Provincial Grand Master Charles Wright, both of Bridgeport will lead the degree team in their work.

The initiatory degree will be rendered in Norwich under the auspices of the Hugh H. Osgood Lodge, 6320, though representation and membership is by no means restricted to that lodge. Candidates will be instructed by Sumner, Livingston, Gardner, Fort Griswold, Rose and H. H. Osgood Lodges, respectively in Norwich, New London, Westerly, Moosup, Baltic, Plainfield and Waterford. There will be nearly 100 candidates.

Delegations from Manchester Unit Lodges throughout this state and Rhode Island will be present. It is predicted that nearly 2,000 Odd Fellows will gather in Norwich.

## LONDON'S CHRISTMAS ART SUPPLEMENTS AS BRIGHT AS EVER

Advance copies of the London magazines and supplements received in this city to-day disclose that the holiday sections of the Graphic, Illustrated London News, Holly Leaves, Lady's Pictorial and other publications are in no way handicapped by the war.

The most superbly printed supplements, suitable for framing, accompany the numbers which this year amid the green and holly covers and frontispieces disclose a martial array of stories, stirring in their human interest.

There undoubtedly will be a big demand for these holiday magazines that for several years past have had a big circulation in Bridgeport and the Bridgeport News Company announce that they expect a large and early allotment from their European sources.

## BRITISH CASUALTIES SHOW BIG INCREASE

London, Nov. 30.—British casualty lists published during November show a total of 1,232 officers and 43,184 non-commissioned officers and men in all fields of war; bringing the total since the beginning of hostilities up to approximately 600,000.

Heavy as were the losses in killed, wounded and missing for the present month, they were much lighter than in October, when the names of 2,110 officers and 1,137 men were included in the lists.

A statement issued in London Oct. 29 gave the British casualties from the beginning of the war to Oct. 29 as 493,294. The total among officers in that period was 21,293 and among other ranks 472,001.

## GEN. FRENCH ON SECRET VISIT TO THE PREMIER

London, Nov. 30.—Field Marshal Sir John French, commander of the British forces on the western front, was in London yesterday and conferred with Premier Asquith.

So far as the public knows Field Marshal French had not been in London since he paid a secret visit to the capital late in January.

Earl Kitchener, British secretary for war, was in Paris yesterday. There have been reports that a movement was on foot to place Gen. Joffre, the French leader, in supreme command of the Franco-British forces on the western front, but London has denied that there was any foundation for them.

## THE PRETIEST FACE

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## Travel In Europe Beset With Risks

Paris, Nov. 30.—Difficulties for Americans traveling on the Continent are increasing. Walter Morse Rummel, the American composer and pianist who has been living for many years in Paris, and his wife, formerly Therese Chalmers, a French pianist, were arrested at Dieppe recently, suspected of being spies.

They were returning home from London where professional engagements called them. They had submitted their papers to the French Consulate General in London and had received a safe-conduct to Paris. They had an American passport and a personal letter from Mr. Thackara, the Consul General. They were searched after their arrest at Dieppe. Although nothing suspicious was found they were detained in a hotel overnight. The next morning Rummel was taken by gendarmes through the streets, followed by children calling out that he was a German. Both he and his wife were locked up in prison until the next morning. Rummel's cell companions were two persons accused of theft.

Mr. and Mrs. Rummel were transferred by train to Rouen, imprisoned there in cells, the floors of which were covered with filth and the walls with obscene drawings. They were there six hours before being able to buy a piece of stale bread and a cheese. Rummel's fellow prisoner was an Apache who confided to him that he had just stabbed a woman. Rummel had at every stage of his experience explained who he was and demanded that the authorities should inquire at the American Embassy in Paris. Luckily he had been able to send a telegram to the Consul General in Paris before being interned. He and his wife were released therefore after forty-eight hours' detention altogether, upon representations of the American Consul in Rouen.

Mr. Rummel's father and grandfather were British. His mother was the daughter of S. F. B. Morse, the inventor of the telegraph. Rummel happened to have been born in Berlin during a period when his father was there on business. He was registered as British-born at the British Consulate. His parents went to America when he was three years old. After the death of his father his mother resumed American citizenship. Young Rummel was entitled to take his mother's nationality and did so. The circumstance that he was born in Berlin appears to have drawn upon him the suspicion that he was German.

The American Embassy has gone fully into the affair and has made representations to the Foreign Office upon the indignities Mr. and Mrs. Rummel suffered. They have spent most of their time since the war began in hospital and other charitable work in France, particularly in organizing funds for musicians.

## WOMEN SUBJECT TO KIDNEY TROUBLES

I beg to say that I have been a constant sufferer with severe pains in my back and was on the verge of nervous prostration resulting from kidney trouble and other complications. A friend of mine recommended Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root as a sure cure for these troubles. Acting upon his advice I began taking Swamp-Root and began to improve before I had finished the first bottle. I continued its use until I had taken several bottles and continued to improve until I was completely cured. I am happy to say that I am as well as for the past nine years, thanks to Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and I cheerfully recommend it to all who suffer from kidney troubles.

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## OZA WALDROP? YES, THAT'S REALLY AND TRULY HER NAME

And She Has No Idea Just Now of Changing It—She Says So Herself.

Oza Waldrop! That's her really, truly, honest-to-goodness name and it's been so longer than she can remember. An unusual name, maybe, but nevertheless her own name and she isn't going to let a little thing like being a Broadway star cause her to change it, either.

"You spell it W-a-l-d-r-o-p," she told an interviewer in her dressing room at Poli's theatre just after her admirable performance of the delightful playlet, "Petticoats," last evening. "I know it's a bit odd, but it's my own name. I'm going to keep it, too."

"I never was called anything else, except once. That was when I was only a few months old, so I couldn't help it. As the story was told to me later, my daddy one day informed my mother that he was going to have me christened and he was going to call me 'Coffee.' Yes, just plain 'Coffee.' Miss Waldrop reiterated as the interviewer looked at her questioning to learn if she had heard aright.

"Why the Mocha moniker?" came the natural inquiry in true interlocutor tones.

"Oh, daddy said I kept him awake nights," flashed back the petite artiste, to an accompaniment of a merry little laugh that radiates happiness.

The interviewer felt much more at home after that, thank you, and proceeded to get down to the business of hand with that determination and directness by which celebrated interviewers are always known—in their own writings. A question and after question was fired at the dainty bit of femininity perched on a wardrobe trunk, and the questions eliminated, here's the important and interesting part of the conversation as Miss Waldrop told it:

"I haven't any hobby of raising prize Rhode Island Reds; in fact, I couldn't tell a Rhode Island Red from an Alredale."

"Never have I driven a racing automobile. Nor do I cling to a spirited

## VERSATILE PLAYER SCORES IN SKETCH



OZA WALDROP

horse, to the exclusion of motor cars. I am not prejudiced either way, and I accept either mode of conveyance without fear or favor, as the orators say.

"Suffrage? Now, really, I expect much to be said on both sides of that question. I'm neither a Pro nor an Anti. All can say the best man in the world is my best man—I mean woman—win."

"I'm just like most women on the question of baseball. I can ask more foolish questions in the course of a game than even the most suave and attentive escort would care to answer. And I think I know just as much—or just as little—about the fine points of the game as most women."

"Never in my stage career have I been robbed of goodness—know-how—many dollars' worth of jewels; nor have I lent a word of encouragement or discouragement to 'stage-struck girls.'"

"I acquired many, many questions to elicit the foregoing information—or, rather, lack of information about this interesting little person. The interviewer then, happily, struck a new tack.

"Haven't you got any hobby, then? Nearly everybody has, and some stage stars have a new one every day," she ventured, the while wondering at her own temerity.

"But will you print it?" "I promise," the interviewer spoke solemnly.

"Well, then, it's just this: To make 'Petticoats' the biggest kind of a success. And I'm going to, too."

One could readily believe from the determination that fired her words that Miss Waldrop really has the hobby seriously. And that she is going to surpass her successes of "Paid in Full," "A Pair of Sixes," "A Full House" and other noted productions in which she was prominent.

The interviewer was leaving. The interviewer turned in the doorway. "You spell the name W-a-l-d-r-o-p," came the query. "And you're always going to spell it that way?"

"Yes, indeed, I am; unless—," and Miss Waldrop paused with just a bit of a faraway look in her pretty eyes—

"Unless—?" the interviewer agreed. "Unless I decide to change it. Now run along. I've got two minutes in which to dress."

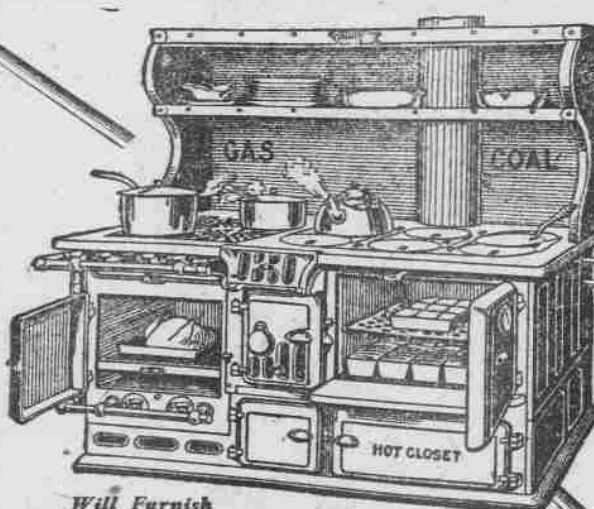
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## Letters to Trenches Are Often Destroyed

London, Nov. 30.—The heartlessness of the red tape system is shown in the letter written by a mother to one of the London papers, who instead of a letter from her soldier son, now in the trenches, received the following typewritten notice from the military censor: "Letter destroyed. This pattern of envelope is obsolete, and its use is forbidden."

Lately it was decided that the green envelopes served out to the soldiers in France should not be used, possibly because they had fallen into the hands of spies. But the act of the censor fell hard on the mother, who writes: "My son was sent out to France in the first week of February, and has had no leave. He came out of hospital on October 7 where he had been a month (during which time not one of his letters was forwarded, each one coming back to us), and was sent straight up to the front line again."

"We have heard nothing about him since October 11, so our anxiety can be understood. A comrade wrote to tell us he was missing and that the sergeant was writing details. "Our indignation may be imagined when we received, not news of our dear lad, but the heartless slip of paper already described. He was a lance-corporal, and the best of sons."

MORAL CONVERSION EASY AT WAR TIME.

Petrograd, Nov. 30.—The effect of the war on the common soldiers and their families in the villages has been studied and reported to the Imperial Geographic Society by L. L. Ulyanoff, on the basis of letters that have passed through his hands. Mr. Ulyanoff examined fourteen letters written from a village in the northern province of Perm. Without exception all the village letter-writers declared the war had to be fought to a victorious conclusion, no matter what the cost to the country or to themselves.

The soldiers writing from the front some on the eve of battle, expressed unflinching confidence in the final outcome, whether they should live to see it or not. But what was more striking was that practically all the soldier letter-writers had obviously undergone, in their lonely watches or in their quiet trench conversations, moral experiences that Mr. Ulyanoff characterized as conversions. They expressed the intention, if spared, to live according to the dictates of their consciences. Some spoke of vows by themselves and by companions not to fall in future into the errors of their past, to be sober and industrious, gentle and kind.

A man thought to be a Quin of New York, was found dead with his throat cut in the Continental hotel, Philadelphia. It is believed that he committed suicide.

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## SHOOED PHYSICIANS AWAY AND NOW SEEKS BALM FOR INJURIES

Whether John Bolton of 61 Elm street, who refused medical treatment after breaking his leg in the factory of the Bridgeport Brass Co. is entitled to compensation, is a question which Compensation Commissioner Buckingham must decide. Mr. Bolton is 68 years of age. He was made lame by the injury and will probably be a cripple for life. Dr. George B. Cowell, physician for the company, testified that Bolton refused treatment and refused to go to a hospital to be relieved of his injury. Mrs. Nellie Collins, at whose home

he boards, and William H. Donnings of the same address, testified that Bolton refused medical treatment and ordered every one away from him when the proposition of going to the hospital was broached. Bolton said he was suffering such pain he did not know what he was doing. Commissioner Buckingham reserved decision pending another hearing.

## WATCH YOUR STICKERS!

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